

FY 2015 WORK ZONE SAFETY AUDITS ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

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Cover Photo: U.S. 70 Bypass construction – Goldsboro, NC February 11, 2015

Introduction

As part of NCDOT's statewide work zone safety and temporary traffic control program, jointly with the FHWA, the Work Zone Traffic Control Section travels around the State conducting several, multi-day construction Work Zone Safety Audits. During the 2015 fiscal year Work Zone Safety Audits visited and reviewed 45 different highway construction work zones.

The FY2015 construction season provided a wide variety of work zones to review. Project locations ranged from the North Carolina Coast in the east to the Blue Ridge Mountains of the west. Several projects completely closed the road to public travel, while others worked alongside high-speed, live traffic.

In conducting the Safety Audits, a number of Reviewers are invited to participate. Reviewers represent a broad cross-section within the temporary traffic control discipline - FHWA, NCDOT Region TCP Design and Region Safety personnel. Audit participants are asked to score the work zone on a wide array of performance measures. Scores and comments are used to focus and heighten awareness of the many standards, practices, procedures and devices used in the design and implementation of NCDOT's Traffic Control Plans. This report provides important feedback for statewide TCP Designers, NCDOT engineering consultants and Region Construction Project Management staff. NCDOT benefits from the Safety Audits by realizing measurable improvements in the quality and safety of the temporary traffic control plans used on its highway construction projects.



Objective

The purpose of the Work Zone Safety Audits is to:

- Confirm NCDOT Work Zone Traffic Control Design Standards and Practices are being implemented in the field consistently, uniformly and are effective at providing a satisfactory level of safety for the traveling public and construction workers.
- Reveal additional techniques or technologies needed to improve overall safety, traffic flow and construction efficiency.
- Identify current standard practices that need to be updated based on observations and feedback.
- Strengthen communication and working relationships between NCDOT design and construction staff, consultants and contractor employees.



The Work Zone Safety Audits allow designers, Safety staff, Project Coordinators, Division and Construction personnel

the opportunity to observe strengths and weaknesses within this unique and dynamic discipline.

Each Reviewer is asked to evaluate the condition and effectiveness of a variety of devices used within the work zone. 36 different "measures" are scored within 15 separate categories for each project visited.

Scores are based on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high). A score of 1 warrants immediate contact with NCDOT Division lead personnel assigned to the project to discuss the issue and possible mitigation strategies. Likewise any items or devices deemed necessary for safety reasons that's found to be missing or omitted is immediately brought to the attention of Division project personnel as well.

The Work Zone Safety Audit Evaluation Form (see page 5) is used by Reviewers to record scores, notes and comments for each project visited.

Measures are scored as applicable for each project. If a device or condition is not present on a project at the time of the visit, a score is not given. For example, temporary portable concrete barrier may have been included in a particular contract, but if not in use on the project at the time of the visit, "Barrier" (and likely "Crash Cushions) would not be scored.



Scoring

Each of the following "measures" is evaluated within the categories listed for each project visited:

Temporary Signing – The overall Quality (design condition), Placement and Spacing (visibility and legibility).

Channelization Devices – The overall Quality, Condition, Placement and Effectiveness for Cones, Drums, Skinny Drums, and Barricades.

Temporary Pavement Markings – The overall Quality (condition and visibility), Placement and removal of temporary and permanent markings, where applicable.

Barrier – Alignment (placement), Crashworthy installations, and Quality (condition) of each type barrier in use. (Concrete, Water-Filled, or Other together with applicable Crash Cushions). Comments are also, made on barrier anchors (connections) and delineation (condition).

Impact Attenuators (Truck Mounted) - The overall Quality (condition), and Placement. Observations on the proper application for these devices should be noted as well.

Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) – Effective placement, Condition, and Message quality. Notations of messages are recorded when possible.

Flashing Arrow Boards - Placement, Condition, Levelness, Visibility, and Angularity.

Temporary Traffic Signals – Proper installation (Placement / Setup), Operation (Timing), and Condition.

Bicycle, Pedestrian & ADA Facilities – ADA Compliance, Adequate signing and devices; and Continuity through the project site (detours, diversions)

Flagging Operations – Proper placement / setup, Effective devices and equipment, and Performance. (Flaggers and or Pilot car operations)

Mobility – Overall flow of traffic, Effect of construction activities on traffic. Reviewers are also, asked to record observations on how long they are stopped at a flagger or signal (if applicable) and the approximate travel speed realized through the work zone.

Worker Garments & Equipment – Standard application of safety measures for workers and equipment on the jobsite.

Site Housekeeping – Condition (Clean / Orderly)

Law Enforcement – Rather than a score we wish the reviewer(s) to indicate whether they observed Law Enforcement in or patrolling the work zone (on-site) or if the particular project was earmarked for the HAWKS program (Helping All Workzones Keep Safe) with a simple Y/N answer.

TMP Plan / RSD Compliance – Compliance with the plans and or standard drawings.











Figure 1 - Work Zone Safety Audit Evaluation Form

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(Gigite, Gigit Capporte)	SPACING						
CHANNELIZATION DEVICES	CONES		-				- 1
(Cones, Drums, Skinny Drums,	DRUMS						
Barricades)	SKINNY DRUM						
	BARRICADES						
TEMPORARY PAVEMENT MARKINGS	CONDITION						
(Paint, Tape, Raised Markers)	PLACEMENT						
BARRIER- Concrete, Water-filled,	CONDITION						
Other (Delineators?) (Anchored?)	PLACEMENT						- 1
CRASH CUSHIONS	PLACEMENT						
	CONDITION						
IMPACT ATTENUATORS	CONDITION						
(Truck /Trailer Mtd)	PLACEMENT						
PORTABLE CHANGEABLE MESSAGE	MESSAGE						Capture
SIGNS (PCMS)	PLACEMENT						messages, if possible
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	PLACEMENT						
FLASHING ARROW BOARDS	LEVELNESS/ VISIBILITY/						
PLASHING ARROW BOARDS	ANGULARITY						
	CONDITION						
	SET-UP						
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS	TIMING]				- 1
	CONDITION						
BICYCLE, PEDESTRIAN & ADA	SIGNING						
FACILITIES	Continuous Route?		1				
(Score if existing facilities affected by construction)	ADA Compliance		1				
	SET-UP						
FLACCING OPERATIONS	FLAGGER /		1				
FLAGGING OPERATIONS	PILOT CAR						
	AFAD						
MOBILITY	Overall Flow						
Time Stopped At Flagger or Signal (If Applicable)							
Approx. Travel Speed thru the work zone?							
WORKER GARMENTS & EQUIPMENT	GARMENTS						
	EQUIPMENT						
SITE HOUSEKEEPING	CLEAN, ORDERLY						
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LAW ENFORCEMENT YOUN	HAWKS?		Was this project e	marked for the HA	WKS program?	(Helping A II Workz	onesK eep 8 afe)
TMP PLAN/RSD							
COMPLIANCE							
FINAL SCORE							
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RESULTS

Results from approximately 3195 scores from 71 different Reviewers for a total of 45 projects were used to develop the project and measure scores. Project scores are combined and averaged based on the number of participants submitting an Evaluation Form. Overall average project scores are calculated for each Region and will be compared to scores collected each subsequent year. Average scores for individual projects are ranked in order of highest to lowest (see pages 11 through 19).

Measure Scoring Summary (Statewide)

Figure 2 (page 8) shows the statewide average score for each work zone measure. Figure 2 can be used to identify measures (devices, practices) needing additional attention at the design and/or implementation phase of the project. It also identifies measures that are meeting or exceeding road users' expectations.

Of the 36 measures, the majority received an average score within the range of 3.00 to 3.99 (Expected).

Measures that consistently received the highest scores (3.25 and above) for FY 2015 are:

Flashing Arrow Boards - 3.36
Mobility - 3.35
Site Housekeeping - 3.25

Measures that consistently received the lowest scores (below 3.00) for FY 2015 are:

Flagging Operations - 2.94
 Channelization Devices - 2.85
 Bicycle/PED/ADA - 2.63
 Impact Attenuators - 2.00

On the pages that follow, measured scores will be depicted as follows:

Measures Highlighted in Green are the Highest Average Scores (3.25 and above)

Measures highlighted in Yellow are the Middle Average Scores (3.00 to 3.25)

Measures highlighted in Red are the Lowest Average Scores (2.00 to 2.99)

SCORED MEASURES FOR THE STATE

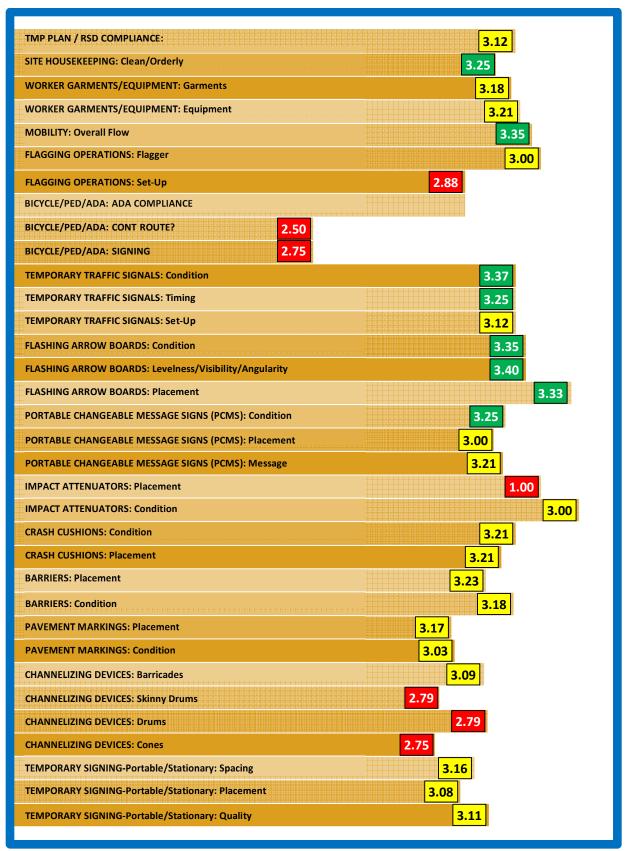


Figure 2 - Average Score for Individual Categories Reported

STATEWIDE SCORING SUMMARY

Total Projects Reviewed FY 2015 (45)

The statewide average project scores of 61.4* equates to a rating of "Expected" based on the current scoring system. The "Expected" rating confirms that the TCP Standards and Practices are mostly effective and being implemented a majority of the time.

* Raw scores ("out of 5") are converted to scores based on 100 for annual comparison purposes with subsequent years.

The Measures scored during the Audits are averaged and ranked – both statewide and for each Region (See Figures 10 through 16).

Figure –	3	An	nua	I Sco	res
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WORK ZONE SAFETY AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT – SCORING STATISTICS by YEAR						
	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016		
TOTAL PROJECTS REVIEWED	28	33	45	-		
HIGH SCORE (Above Expectations)	0	0	0	1		
AVERAGE SCORE (Expected)	63	61.8	61.4	-		
LOW SCORE (Below Expectations)	0	0	0	1		

Annual Average Statewide Work Zone Tour Scores

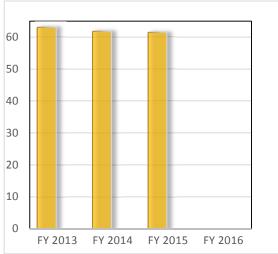
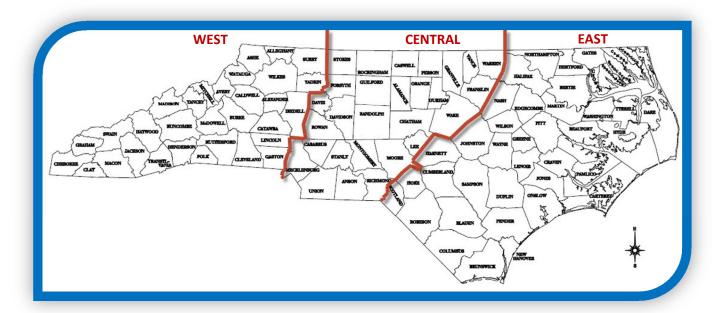


Figure – 4 Annual Scores graph



North Carolina County / Region Outline Map



REGIONAL SCORING SUMMARY

On the pages that follow, are graphical Region maps showing individual Project scores and overall average Measure scores for that region. Projects and measures follow the same highlighted color scheme depicted on page 7.

Figure – 5 Region Scores

WORK ZONE SAFETY AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT – SCORING STATISTICS by REGION						
	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016		
EAST REGION	67	47.2	60.4	-		
CENTRAL REGION	62	67.2	59.2	-		
WEST REGION	62	57.8	63.6	-		

Figure – 6 # of Projects

PROJECTS SCORED PER REGION				
EAST REGION	8			
CENTRAL REGION 17				
WEST REGION	20			

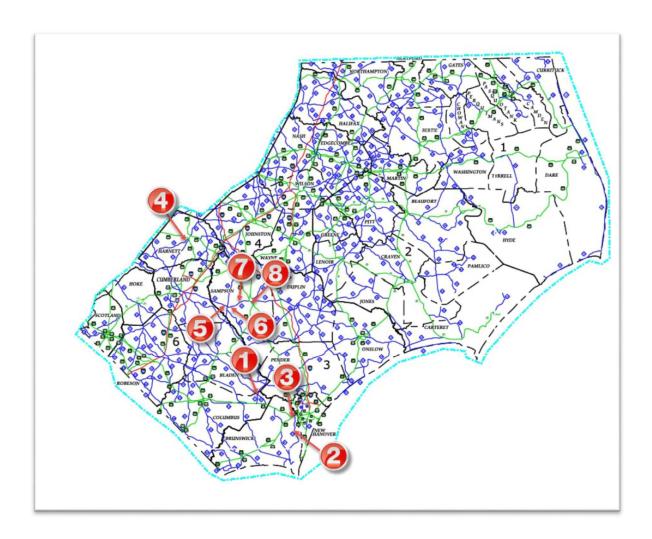
SCORE	# of Projects	% of Projects
>4.00	0	0%
3.00 - 4.00	34	76%
<3.00	11	24%

Figure – 7 Project Average Scores

EASTERN REGION

Divisions: 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6

Counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Sampson, Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, New Hanover, Northampton, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Pender, Perquimans, Pitt, Robeson, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, Wilson



Scores of Individual Projects – East Region					
1. NC 11 in Bladen County/Cape Fear River	<mark>3.13</mark>				
2. NC 133 From Long Beach Rd to Sunny Point Rd.	<mark>3.06</mark>				
3. US 17/76/74 in Brunswick/ New Hanover	<mark>3.00</mark>				
4. Campbell University Pedestrian Tunnel Under US-421/NC-27 in Buies Creek	<mark>3.00</mark>				
5. NC 24 From SR-1006 (Maxwell/Clinton Rd) to SR-1404 (Dowdy Rd) in Sampson	<mark>3.07</mark>				
6. NC 24 From SR-1006 (Maxwell/Clinton Rd) to SR-1404 (Dowdy Rd) in Sampson	<mark>3.00</mark>				
7. NC 24 From ST-1404 (Dowdy Rd) to SR-1303 (Mitchell Loop Rd)	<mark>3.00</mark>				
8. NC 24 From Mitchell Loop Rd to US-421/701 and SR-1296 (Sunset Ave)	<mark>2.93</mark>				

EASTERN SCORES

Average Measure Scores					
Temporary Signing	2.95	Bicycle/PED/ADA	<mark>3.00</mark>		
Channelization Devices	2.98	Flagging Operation	3.00		
Pavement Markings	<mark>3.00</mark>	Mobility	3.13		
Barriers	<mark>3.00</mark>	Worker Garments/Equip	3.33		
Impact Attenuators		Site Housekeeping	3.13		
PCMS	<mark>3.17</mark>	Law Enforcement			
Flashing Arrow Broads	<mark>3.00</mark>	TC Plans/STD Drawings	3.13		
Temporary Traffic Signals	3.00	Crash Cushions	2.88		

Average Scores for Audits Conducted in the Eastern Region

Weaknesses:

Temporary Signing

Channelization Devices

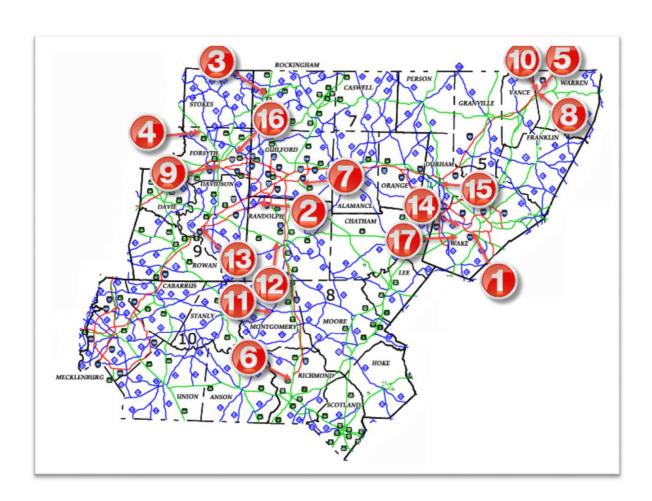
Crash Cushions

CENTRAL REGION

Divisions: 5, 7, 8, & 9

Counties: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Granville, Guilford, Hoke, Lee, Montgomery, Moore, Orange, Person, Randolph,

Richmond, Rockingham, Rowan, Scotland, Stokes, Vance, Wake, Warren



Score	s of In	dividual Proje	cts – Ce	ntral Region	
1. I- 40/Gorman Street	3.00	7. US 421 Near SR 3485	3.36	13. I-85 BUS/ US-29/US-70	3.26
2. I-85 in Randolph County	3.50	8. I-85 From North of SR 1162 to North of SR 1237	3.27	14. Walnut St and US 1/64 CD	3.00
3. US 220 near SR 2164	1.00	9. US 52	2.71	15. US 70 and NC 147	2.83
4. US 52 near SR 1620	2.00	10. I-85 From North of SR 1162 to North of SR 1237	3.91	16. I-40 Bus/US 421/NC 150	3.43
5. I-85 From North of SR 1162 to North of SR 1237	2.59	11. NC 24/27 Albemarle Rd	4.00	17. Smith Rd/ Stephenson Rd in Apex	3.00
6. US 220 From North of 1302 to North of 1301	3.14	12. NC 49 near Mack Rd	2.40		

CENTRAL SCORES

Average Measure Scores					
Temporary Signing	3.13	Bicycle/PED/ADA	2.25		
Channelization Devices	2.61	Flagging Operation			
Pavement Markings	<mark>3.13</mark>	Mobility	3.38		
Barriers	3.25	Worker Garments/Equip	3.05		
Impact Attenuators	2.00	Site Housekeeping	3.31		
PCMS	<mark>3.05</mark>	Law Enforcement			
Flashing Arrow Boards	3.27	TC Plans/STD Drawings	<mark>3.08</mark>		
Temporary Traffic Signals	3.11	Crash Cushions	3.36		

Average Scores for Audits Conducted in the Central Region

Weaknesses:

Bicycle / PED / ADA

Chanelization Devices

Impact Attenuators

WESTERN REGION

Divisions: 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14

Counties: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Stanly, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin, Yancey



Scores of Individual Projects – Wes	st Region
1. I-40 Near Cold Springs Rd	<mark>3.14</mark>
2. I-40	<mark>3.00</mark>
3. US 23 Near Sr 1705 (Dark Ridge Rd)	<mark>3.09</mark>
4. SR-1449 Cope Creek Rd-Jackson County	<mark>3.16</mark>
5. US 21 in Alleghany County	<mark>3.15</mark>
6. US 74 (Shelby Bypass)	<mark>3.55</mark>
7. SR 1404 (29 th Avenue NE)	<mark>3.70</mark>
8. I-77 (Rest Area)	<mark>3.56</mark>
9. US 74 (Mecklenburg County)	<mark>2.76</mark>
10. US 29 South of E Mallard Creek Church Rd	<mark>3.00</mark>
11. I-485, SR-2042	<mark>2.83</mark>
12. SR 1006 (Mt. Pleasant Road S)	<mark>3.67</mark>
13. US 74 Bypass/ SR 1501 (Secrest Shortcut Rd)	<mark>3.25</mark>
14. US 74 Bypass/ SR 1514 (North Rocky River Rd)	<mark>3.07</mark>
15. US 74 Bypass/ SR 1622 (Deese Rd)	<mark>3.33</mark>
16. US 74 Bypass/ US 601 (Concord Hwy)	<mark>2.97</mark>
17. US 74 Bypass/ SR 1367 (Unionville-Indian Trail Rd. W)	<mark>3.06</mark>
18. US-221 Near SR 1148	<mark>3.43</mark>
19. US-19	<mark>2.75</mark>
20. George Liles Parkway from SR 1304 (Roberta Rd) to SR-1431 (Weddington Rd)	<mark>3.15</mark>

WESTERN SCORES

Average Measure Scores					
Temporary Signing	3.17	Bicycle/PED/ADA	<mark>3.00</mark>		
Channelization Devices	2.88	Flagging Operation	2.93		
Pavement Markings	<mark>3.16</mark>	Mobility	<mark>3.15</mark>		
Barriers	3.31	Worker Garments/Equip	3.27		
Impact Attenuators		Site Housekeeping	3.26		
PCMS	3.33	Law Enforcement			
Flashing Arrow Boards	3.70	TC Plans/STD Drawings	3.17		
Temporary Traffic Signals	3.48	Crash Cushions	3.25		

Average Scores for Audits Conducted in the Western Region

Strengths	Weaknesses:	
Flashing Arrow Boards	Channelization Devices	
	Flagging Operations	

RECCOMENDATIONS

This being our third year for the audits in this format, all reviewers were internal Work Zone Traffic Control staff. The FY 2015 Work Zone Safety Audits revealed a number of consistencies, and positive comments.

The majority of all 45 projects visited in FY 2015 scored within the median "Expected" range (3.00 – 3.99). That being the case only those receiving the highest scores (3.25 and above), and those receiving the lowest scores (2.99 and below) will be mentioned in detail within the forthcoming pages.

A combination of the Work Zone Safety Audit scores and comments were utilized.

MEACURE	STATEWIDE RANKINGS		. /
MEASURE	FY 2014	FY 2015	+/-
IMPACT ATTENUATORS	1	15	-
MOBILITY	2	2	
FLASHING ARROW BOARDS	3	1	+
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNALS	4	4	
WORKER GARMENTS/EQUIPMENT	4	7	-
TMP PLAN/RSD COMPLIANCE	4	9	-
CRASH CUSHIONS	7	5	+
FLAGGING OPERATIONS	8	12	-
PCMS	9	8	+
BARRIERS	9	6	+
SITE HOUSEKEEPING	11	3	+
TEMPORARY SIGNING	12	10	+
CHANNELIZATION DEVICES	13	13	
PAVEMENT MARKINGS	14	11	+
BICYCLE/PED/ADA	15	14	+

Work Zone Traffice Control Safety Audit "Strengths"

Crash Cushions



- Crash cushions are a device that prevents an errant vehicle from impacting fixed objects by gradually decelerating the vehicle to a safe stop or redirecting the vehicle away from the obstacle.
- The crash cushions for the fiscal year 2015 were generally in good condition, and installed on hard surfaces with proper offsets from the travel lane.
- Some of the deficiencies experienced with crash cushions included the reflectivity being compromised. Also, some had appeared to have been struck and needed to be replaced.

Flashing Arrow Boards



- Flashing arrow boards are used to notify drivers that they need to merge lanes. They are often used on freeways and expressways because of high flowing traffic, high speeds, and low visibility.
- The flashing arrow boards used on the workzones followed TMP/ RSD guidelines very closely even in unorthodox situations. All of the flashing arrow boards were in good condition.
- One minor deficiency that was noticed was the board was not leveled. Other potential deficincies that have occured in the past include bulbs not working properly, specifically bulbs that are dimmed.

Site Housekeeping



- Site Housekeeping is making sure the constructin materials are not interfering with traffic or causing a safety concern.
- The work zones observed were clean, with no mud on the roads even after rainy conditions. Traffic was able to flow smoothe without any obstructions from construction. Overall, the sites had no impact to travel lanes.
- The only problem noticed occurred with one construction site. It included several items that were not placed at least five feet past the portable concrete barrier. These objects could cause safety concerns due to close proximity to traffic.

Mobility



- Mobility is the ability to travel safely and unimpeded along single or linked transportation facilities.
- The traffic flowed smoothely at most job sites and was umimpeted by construction. This included projects with temporary speed limit reductions and work zones controlled by flaggers.
- At some project sites, potholes and line removal rutting caused mobility to be hampered. Also, some lane closures are reccommended to be reduced in length due to traffic delays. Another problem resulted in traffic not being able to reach the posted speed limit.

Work Zone Traffic Control Safety Audit "Weaknesses"





- Channelizing devices are used to warn and alert road users of hazards in work zones, protect workers, and guide and direct drivers and pedestrians past the hazards.
- In some work zones, there was not a sufficient amount of drums used to distinguish traffic direction and there was also a deficiency in barriers to protect worksites. Other problems included dirty/poor reflectivity and dented drums, along with not having the proper spacing. Also, there were instances of skinny drums being mixed with normal drums and barricades not supported with sandbags.
- To fix these weaknesses, the guidelines/ requirements should be reenforced to ensure these problems are corrected.

Impact Attenuators (Truck/ Trailer Mounted)



- An impact attenuator is a device intended to protect structures, vehicles, equipment, and people during a vehicle collision. Impact Attenuators can be fixed or mobile along with being put there for duration of the project or temporarily.
- The impact attenuators used on site were not properly installed by following TMP / RSD guidelines, and some sites did not include one when it needed one for lane closures. This problem needs to be addressed appropriately due to safety concerns.
- Impact attenuators are sometimes even omitted from a project that requires them.

Bicycle/PED/ADA



- When bicycle and pedestrian paths are closed or disrupted due to construction, then pedestrian traffic control is needed. This includes the use of signs, channelizing devices, flags and suitable fencing.
- Bicycle/PED/ADA paths often missed barricades, signs, and directional signage that would direct pedestrians to the correct location safely. These observations generally consist of low scores due to improper setup and monitoring.
- However, when used properly they provided safe and effective pedestrian routes.

Flagging Operations-Flagger



- A flagging operator must be properly equipped, in a visible yet safe location, and be trained to coordinate with other flaggers properly in order to perform his or her job effectively.
- The flaggers were not constantly flagging construction vehicles entering and existing. Signs were sitting upright instead of flat when flagging was completed. Some sites did not consist of flagging that should have due to grade and site distance.
- Guidance/requirements should be reenforced to ensure flagging operations are constistently taking place when needed.

Conclusion

The FY 2015 Work Zone Safety Audits were a success in identifying strengths and weaknesses within NCDOT's TCP standards and practices and the implementation of those practices in our contracts. The Audits gave us the opportunity to review 45 different State highway construction work zones. Overall, although we witnessed a small decrease in the work zone safety audit scores, the goals of the audits were accomplished.

The Audits helped us meet some important goals:

Confirmed NCDOT Temporary Traffic Control Design Standards and Practices are largely being

implemented in the field with consistency and uniformity.

- · · Confirmed the latest Standards and Practices are effective at providing a satisfactory level of safety for the traveling public and construction workers.
- Strengthened communication and working relationships between NCDOT design and construction staff, consultants, and contractor employees.
- Identified current standard practices that need updating or better

definition based on observations and feedback.



An important additional benefit from the Work Zone Safety Audits is seeing recurring "Weaknesses." We can focus on and more closely analyze these features for solutions to improve the overall design and implementation of our work zone traffic control plans. 'Lessons learned' can be shared between all TCP designers and construction personnel in efforts to avoid seeing repeat "Weaknesses".

The Workzone Traffic Control Section would like to thank each of the Reviewers who helped with the monumental task of improving safety in North Carolina work zones. Thank You.